

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7, 9 and 15 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 7, 9 and 15. No new matter is added. Support for the amended claims can be found on page 11, lines 13-15 of the specification.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Bradley during the February 7 telephone interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 1-5, 7, 9 and 15.

Claims 1-5, 7, 9 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that there is no support for the feature of "a processor that is coupled to the interface circuit, the processor including: a rewriter; and a rewriter activation section." The Office Action asserts that the specification, on page 11, indicates the firmware comprises the above recited features.

As discussed during the February 7 interview, claims 1, 7, 9 and 15 have been amended to recite "a firmware stored in the non-volatile memory executed by the processor including." Thus, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 7, 9 and 15, and claims 2-5 depending therefrom, is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to the specification for failing to provide antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter, specifically "a processor that is coupled to the interface circuit, the processor including: a rewriter; and a rewriter activation section."

As agreed during the February 7 interview, the amendment to claims 1, 7, 9 and 15 has remedied this situation. Thus, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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